THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

WRIT PETITION NO.12997 of 2007

DATE: 19-07-2007

Between :

C.Jayachandraiah and 30 others

... Petitioners

And

The Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam,
Rep., by its Executive Officer,
Tirupathi,
Chittoor District and another.

... Respondents

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ORDER:

The petitioners who claim to be the vendors of tea, coffee, biscuits and etc., in Vykuntam queue complex, Thirumala for the past several years filed this writ petition aggrieved by the proceedings of Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam (TTD) dated 05-06-2007 under which the second respondent herein was appointed on nomination basis for the sale of the said items i.e. tea, coffee and etc., to the pilgrims in the compartments of Vykuntam queue complex. Though it is not in dispute that the petitioners were not granted any licence or lease by the TTD, it is stated that the petitioners are selling as agents of TTD on commission basis. It is contended that the appointment of the second respondent would deprive their livelihood and at any rate, the action of the respondents in making the appointment on nomination basis without inviting tenders is arbitrary and illegal.

A perusal of the impugned proceedings itself shows that the second respondent herein was appointed on nomination basis for a short period of two months keeping in view the heavy influx of pilgrims in summer vacation at Tirumala Hills and to avoid inconvenience to the waiting pilgrims.

Moreover, Sri Harinath Guptha, learned counsel appearing for the TTD under instructions stated that a tender notification dated 09-07-2007 has already been issued inviting tenders for appointing the vendors and the tenders would be finalized on 01-08-2007.

Having regard to the fact that the TTD has already issued a

notification and thfe appointment of the second respondent was purely on temporary basis for a period of two months, I do not find any justifiable reason to interfere with the same in exercise of jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.

Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed. No costs.

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G. ROHINI, J.

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